

## AMERICAN SAVANTS' MEETING TODAY.

PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF LEARNED MEN IN CHILE.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 24.—From North, South and Central America learned men are assembled here today for the opening of the pan-American scientific congress. Every nation in the western hemisphere has sent delegates here to discuss matters of moment to its people. Among the subjects to be discussed are economics, agriculture, health, various branches of engineering, etc.

The United States of America is represented by ten men of the highest standing in the scientific world.



COLONEL W. C. GORGAS.

They are Professor A. C. Coolidge of the Harvard historical department and Professor Hiram Bingham, for the past five years curator of South American history and literature at Harvard. The other delegates are Professor Leo S. Rowe of the University of Pennsylvania, a well known authority on Latin America; Professor Paul S. Reinsch of the University of Wisconsin, well known for his writings on political science and colonial government; Colonel William C. Gorgas of the United States army, chief sanitary officer of the isthmian canal commission; William H. Holmes, chief of the bureau of American ethnology at the Smithsonian Institution; Professor Bernard Mosey of the University of California, George M. Rommel of the department of agriculture, Professor William M. Shepherd of Columbia university and Professor William B. Smith of Tulane university, Louisiana.

### Woman Mountain Climber Returned.

New York, Dec. 23.—Fresh from a triumphant tour of the Peruvian Andes, where she scaled the summit of Mount Huascara, one of the highest peaks in the world, Miss Annie S. Peck, of Providence, R. I., arrived here yesterday on board the steamer Alameda from Cristobal.

### Battleship to be Christened With Water.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 23.—If the plans of the W. C. T. U. of Delaware are successful, the giant 20,000-ton battleship Delaware, which will be launched here on February 5, will be christened with water.

### Committee Complete Tariff Hearing.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The house ways and means committee yesterday completed its hearing on the proposed revision of the tariff, and the subcommittee, consisting of the republican members of the full committee, began the work of revising the present law into a tariff bill. The bill is to be submitted to congress at the special session, which, it is understood, Judge Taft will call together next March.

Rome, Ga., Dec. 23.—Monday night car of the Rome Railway and Light Company was wrecked by a dynamite bomb placed on the track in North Rome. Conductor H. J. Bryant was the only man hurt and his injuries were confined to gashes and bruises. There were only two passengers on the car. It is supposed that strike sympathizers are responsible for the bomb outrage.

### Killed by Automobile.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 22.—The death of Mrs. Archie Smith, at Jonesboro, was announced here yesterday following the injuries she sustained yesterday when Franklin Moreland, the negro chauffeur of this city, struck her.

## NIGHT RIDERS EXPOSED

MANY CRIMES LAID BARE IN TESTIMONY AGAINST NIGHT RIDERS.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The state practically completed its case yesterday against the eight alleged night riders, on trial for the murder of Captain Rankin, when it drew from Frank Fehringen, a member of the band, a detailed statement, not only of the murder itself and those who committed it, but of a score or more of other outrages. And then, just to add the finishing touches, it called to the stand Mrs. Emma Thurman Johnson, one of the two women known to have been whipped by the band, and heard her tell her story. It was a dramatic close to a day of sensational developments.

Judge Jones sent out the jury before court adjourned, and said:

"There are eight defendants here charged with a capital offense. They are not hanged and are under guard of only two deputies. Therefore, I order the sheriff to handcuff these men and ask the military to detail ten armed men to serve as a guard."

The defense offered vigorous objection, and the attorney general declared that this objection proved to him that the precaution was necessary. Later Attorney General Caldwell said:

"The order was made advisedly upon the information which reached the officers of the court, which information was serious enough to justify us in taking every possible and legal precaution."

### Two Battleships Sail Under Sealed Orders.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22.—A report late last night was to the effect that the battleship Maine has been ordered to Venezuela to look after the interests of the government and to protect American citizens if necessary. The sailing order was so hurried that a number of sailors were left ashore. The cruiser North Carolina, while ordered to Charleston, is also said to be under orders to be in readiness to follow the Maine on a moment's notice.

**Sale Malt Liquors Unlawful.**  
Atlanta, Dec. 23.—In a teaching decision of the state court of appeals, handed down Tuesday morning, two very important points bearing on the prohibition laws of the state, were specifically decided.

One is, that where a person sells malt liquors, such sale is prima facie unlawful, and the burden rests upon the defendant to prove that the malt beverage sold, is not intoxicating.

The other is, that the sale of malt liquors to minors, whether intoxicating or not, is unlawful.

The opinion in the case was written by Chief Judge Benjamin H. Hill, and was concurred in by Judge Arthur G. Powell. The third member of the court, Judge Richard B. Russell, dissented, and announced that he would later file his dissenting opinion.

### Cheaper Cable Rates Expected.

New York, Dec. 23.—That not only cheaper, but very much cheaper rates for cablegrams across the Atlantic are near at hand, was the assertion of Rodolphe E. Lemire, the postmaster general in the Canadian cabinet, yesterday afternoon, on the eve of his departure for Canada, after a day spent in this city following his arrival from Europe last night.

### Mrs. Jackson Asks Protection.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 23.—When Mrs. Emma Jackson, one of the state's witnesses, yesterday, in the night riders' trials, was excused from the stand, she turned to Judge Jones and said: "I will not leave the court room without armed protection. I know these men."

### Important Testimony in Hains Trial.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Frederick A. Storm, a real estate dealer, testified yesterday in the trial of Thornton Hains, as a principal with his brother, Captain Peter G. Hains, in the killing of Wm. D. Annie, that the defendant had inquired as to the whereabouts of Annie shortly before the latter sailed up to the dock where he was shot.

"Thornton Hains stopped talking about real estate, and asked me where Annie was," said the witness.

"I pointed out Annie's boat, then sailing toward the dock."

The shooting of Annie followed.

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Virginia T. Trabue, Bill for Partition and

Willett, C. Trabue, Other relief.

To Willett, C. Trabue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Greeting:

You are hereby notified that a Bill of Complaint has been filed against you in above named cause and you are required to appear and give answer or demur to said Bill of Complaint on or before the first Monday in January 1909.

It is also ordered that this order be published for not less than 30 days nor more than 50 days in THE CHAMPION, a weekly news paper published in Arcadia, DeSoto county, Florida.

Also that a copy of this order be sent by due cause of mail to respondent Willett, C. Trabue and that a copy be posted at the south door of the county court house in Arcadia, DeSoto county, Florida within 20 days from the date hereof.

Done and ordered this 25th day of November

1908.

H. E. CARLTON,

Clerk of the Circuit Court of DeSoto County,

Florida.

Notice:

Of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 8 of

Chapter 488, Laws of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that Mrs. Louisa

Walden, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 1681

dated the 3d day of August A. D. 1898, has filed

said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law, said certificate embracing the following de-

scribed property situated in DeSoto county,

Florida, to wit: Lot 1 and 2, Block 12, Grove

City. The said land being assessed at the date of

the issuance of said certificate, the sum of Unknown.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue

thereon on the 5th day of January A. D. 1909.

Witness my official signature and seal this the

8th day of December A. D. 1908.

(SEAL) H. E. CARLTON,

Clerk Circuit Court DeSoto County, Florida.

By CLAUDE L. CARLTON, D. C.

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